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BIG EVENTS IN CONVICTED 38 IN THE YEAR 1912 DYNAMITE CASE

Notable Historical Happenings During the Twelve-Months.

BALKAN WAR THE GREATEST

Loss of Titanic and Deaths of Aviators—Dynasty Overthrown in China—Victory of Democratic Party.

New York, Dec. 31.—Much notable history was written in the year of 1912. Events of vast importance and of world-wide interest followed each other in the quick march of the past twelve months.

The most significant of these, doubtless, was the war of the Balkan states against the Turkish empire, which put a period to the sultan's ancient supremacy in southeastern Europe. The sudden rise of the minor states which comprised the Balkan allies is one of the marvels of the age. No less miraculous was the swift and decisive way in which they swept the Turks across the plains of Thrace and forced them back almost to the banks of the Danube.

The fortunes of this war caused the whole world to wonder. The very map of Europe was changed from day to day. Especially has this war brought into significant power the states of Serbia and Bulgaria and given them an important voice in the diplomatic forum of Europe.

Greatest Marine Tragedy.

The most grievous occurrence of the year, especially to America, was the sinking of the Titanic on April 15.

The loss of this greatest of ocean liners, with over 1,300 passengers, was the greatest marine tragedy of all time. It was not only the multitude of victims that made the catastrophe so overwhelmingly sad, but the character and importance of many of those who sank—the appalling sum being £500.

In the middle of the night while the ship was flashing with myriad of brilliant lights and the great vessel was chugging with music and mirth, the Titanic ran head on into a gigantic iceberg while going at the rate of over 20 miles an hour.

Death seemed to reign in the air as well as on the water, during the year 1912. The number of airmen who lost their lives was unprecedented. And one American woman is numbered among the victims—Miss Gladys who fell into the ocean from the height of a thousand feet. The year claimed 39 airmen, bringing the total of all up to 237.

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Mr. Eustis has been appointed chairman of the inaugural committee by Chairman McCombs of the Democratic national committee. He is a Washington banker, son of a former United States senator and son-in-law of former Vice-President Levi P. Morton.

The most important features were the veto of the Democratic house's tariff bills relating to wool, cotton and iron; bills relating to wool, cotton and iron, and the farmers' free list by President Taft; and the defeat in Canada of the reciprocity agreement.

Supreme Court Decisions.

Several important opinions were handed down by the United States Supreme court, the chief of these being the opinion touching the Union Pacific merger. The action taken by the court resulted in the dissolving of the great railroad combination which had been effected by the late E. H. Harriman.

Another Supreme court decision which caused much comment was in relation to the anthracite coal trust. While the opinion of the court appeared to be adverse to the trust, many commentators hold that it will not injure the coal interests in the least.

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MOTORIST WHIRLS TO DEATH

California Motordome Racer Loses Control of Machine and Crashes Into Crowd.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 30.—Since early in the summer "Hal" Shain, a motor racer, has been the chief attraction at a concession pier at Venice. In a cup shaped track he presented "The Daredevil Race for Life."

The real meaning of the title of the act was impressively terrible and dramatically on a large crowd when the driver lost control of the car, sped over the "death line" into the spectators and was injured fatally.

The car fell back into the pit, pinning its driver underneath. He died several hours later at a hospital. Three spectators were injured severely and a number of others bruised or cut slightly.

NEW YORK WORKERS STRIKE

A Walkout Ordered in Which 150,000 Men, Women and Children Are Involved.

New York, Dec. 30.—One hundred and fifty thousand men, women and children employed in the men's clothing industry in this city were ordered on strike by the local executive committee of the United Male Garment Workers of America. Four thousand shops are expected to be affected if the order is obeyed.

Fifty national organizers were appointed as aids to the national chairman, and it was announced that one thousand pickets would be scattered about the city to intercept workers not obeying the strike order.

FIFTEEN BURIED BY SNOWSLIDE

An Avalanche Overwhelmed a Canadian Carpenter Shop and the Workmen.

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 31.—It is reported that a heavy slide of snow at the Coal Creek mines of the Crown Nest Pass Coal company at Fernie, British Columbia, carried with it a carpenter shop in which 15 men were working. All were buried alive. Only three bodies had been recovered.

Taught Boys Drug Habit Free.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—Harry Pratt, 43 years old, known to the police as the "walking drug store," who was charged with distributing free small packages of cocaine to youths in pool and billiard halls in order to create victims of the drug habit and then profit by their patronage, was fined \$200 by Municipal Judge Mahoney.

ONLY TWO MEN WERE ACQUITTED

Convicted Men Immediately Taken Into Custody and Placed in Jail at Indianapolis—to Appeal the Cases.

Indianapolis, Dec. 30.—The United States government, with stony and decisive swiftness, took into custody thirty-eight union labor officials convicted of conspiracy of promoting explosions on non-union work throughout the land of killing in the destruction which brought loss of life at Indianapolis, Ind., and of carrying on a reign of terror" deemed to be unparalleled in the history of the country.

Almost the entire executive staff of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers was convicted. Only two officials of that union now remain out of jail. At the head of the list of those convicted stands Frank M. Ryan, the president. It was in this union, with 12,000 members, that John J. McNamara, secretary-treasurer while he conducted the dynamiting out of which the present convictions grew. The convictions coming on a scale unprecedented in a federal court, were an aftermath of the killing of twenty-one persons in the blowing up of the Los Angeles Times building on October 1, 1910.

Many of those convicted were charged with knowing only of local explosions on the work of contractors who refused to recognize the union, but were thus brought into the general conspiracy. Ryan, John T. Butler, vice president of the union, Eugene A. Clancy, San Francisco; Frank C. Webb, New York; Michael J. Young, Boston; Phillip A. Cooley, New Orleans; Henry W. Legleiter, Denver; and Charles N. Beum, Minneapolis, were all convicted as having appropriated out of the union's funds \$100,000 a month with which McNamara paid for explosions.

The following defendants in the "dynamiting" case were found guilty:

Wilford Bert Brown, Kansas City; William J. McTain, Kansas City; Frank M. Ryan, president International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers.

John T. Butler, Buffalo, vice president.

Herbert S. Hockin, former secretary, formerly of Detroit.

Olaf A. Tveitmo, San Francisco, secretary of California Building Trades Council.

Eugene A. Clancy, San Francisco; Philip A. Cooley, New Orleans.

Michael J. Young, Boston.

Frank J. Higgins, Boston.

J. E. Munsey, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Frank C. Webb, New York.

Patrick F. Farrell, New York.

John H. Barry, St. Louis.

Paul J. Morrin, St. Louis.

Henry W. Legleiter, Denver.

Charles N. Beum, Minneapolis.

William E. Reddin, Milwaukee.

Michael J. Cumane, Philadelphia.

Richard H. Houlihan, Chicago.

James Conney, Chicago.

James A. Coughlin, Chicago.

William Shupe, Chicago.

Edward Smythe, Peoria, Ill.

James E. Ray, Peoria, Ill.

Murray L. Peacock, Springfield, Ill.

William C. Peacock, Cincinnati.

Frank K. Palmer, Omaha.

Peter J. Smith, Cleveland.

George Anderson, Cleveland.

Michael J. Hannon, Scranton, Pa.

Edward E. Phillips, Syracuse, N. Y.

Charles Wachtelstein, Detroit.

John J. Murphy, Detroit.

Edgar J. Mooney, Duluth.

James H. W. Bassey, Indianapolis.

Stanley K. Sherman, Indianapolis.

Elmer R. Kline, Muncie, Ind., for organizer for United Brotherhood Carpenters and Joiners.

These Who Were Acquitted.

George G. Schaff, Milwaukee.

Frank Buckley, Davenport.

THIRTY-THREE WERE SENTENCED

Got Longest Term, Seven Years.

—Eight Others Must Serve Six Years.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 31.—Scores varying from seven years to life in the federal prison at Leavenworth, Kan., to one year in jail and to suspended sentences imposed upon the thirty-three union officials convicted in the labor conspiracy cases.

Asst. U. S. Atty. Robert L. Evans and Ambrose Whitehead Reid.

The most sensational individual crime of the year, at least in America, was the assassination of Herman Rosenthal, the New York gambler, by four gunmen acting as agents of Pepe Leontine Charles A. Becker. The latter and his four hired murderers are now under sentence of death. The immediate result of the Becker crime was the opening of the Aldermanic investigation, which revealed the revolting details of the alliance between the police and the underworld.

Hurt Rescuing Rag Doll.

Joplin, Mo., Dec. 31.—T. R. McNamee of Spokane, Wash., aged 79 years, may die as the result of an effort to rescue his granddaughter's rag doll that had been thrown to the roof of the house. He slipped and fell. It is feared his skull may be fractured.

In the matter of legislation, perhaps

MAY POSTPONE HYDE TRIAL

PROSECUTOR HAS NO FUNDS TO GET WITNESSES.

Case of Kansas City Physician Charged With Murder May Go Over to 1914.

Kansas City, Dec. 30.—Lack of money is the most important impediment of the state in the Hyde case, which is set for trial before Judge E. C. Porterfield early in January.

Floyd E. Jacobs, who will be prosecuting attorney, has asked the county court to make some provision in the way of an extra fund, so that witnesses may be brought here. So far, the court has done nothing. Neither has the Swope family, which bore much of the expense in two former trials, come forward with the necessary cash to give the state a free hand.

The prosecutor's contingent expenses last year were \$2,500 a year. Of this, about \$1,700 is yet on hand for the fiscal year of 1912. As against this, there are outstanding bills in the Hyde case exceeding \$100,000.

Merely to pay these bills would deplete the balance left from this year and take all the 1913 apportionment. Then the state would have no money left to bring witnesses here in other cases, send after wife deserters and the like. Hence the state hesitates to pay off the Hyde bills.

Under such circumstances, with bills unsatisfied, it is doubtful whether witnesses from outside the state, and especially the experts, will care to come to Kansas City a third time. They could have no assurance that their expenses would be met, inasmuch as the state is now practically a year behind in its accounts with them. Subpoenas will go out, and on the response to them will depend a continuation in the case.

The facts will be put up to Judge E. C. Porterfield in a day or so," said Mr. Jacobs. "If he decides to draw a jury and proceed with the trial under such circumstances, the state will do the best it can."

MISSOURI TRAINS KILLED 335

In the State Last Year More Than 8,000 Persons Were Injured by the Railways.

Jefferson City, Mo., Dec. 31.—The state board of railroad and warehouse commissioners gave out data concerning the deaths and casualties resulting from the operation of railroads in this state for the year ended June 30, 1912. Only three passengers were killed in that period, but 744 were injured.

The greatest number of deaths come under the head of trespassers, such as persons occupying the right-of-way, climbing on moving trains and at railroad crossings. These number 261 killed and 418 injured.

One hundred and fourteen employees of the various companies were killed and 1,935 injured. Two postal clerks were killed, for the period given, both on the Kansas City Terminal railway. The greatest number of employees were killed on the Missouri Pacific, the total being twenty-five. The St. Louis & San Francisco comes second with twenty-three and the Wabash third with thirteen. In all, the killed number 335 and the injured 8,286.

FOUND SKELETON ON SANDBAR

Bones Discovered Near Lexington, Mo., Were Clothed in a Winter Suit.

Lexington, Mo., Dec. 30.—The skeleton of a man six feet tall, dressed in good clothing, blue flannel double-breasted shirt, snow and arctic overshoes, was found on a bar in the Missouri river below here. The body had lain on the bar for months because the river has not been high enough since last February to leave it where it was found. No marks of violence could be found and the man apparently had been drowned. He was apparently 30 years old. One upper tooth was missing. An Ingersoll watch in a cotton bag was found in the watch pocket of the trousers.

The authorities have sent the number of the watch to the factory to find where it was sold. Nothing else could be found to lead to identification.

School Teacher a Suicide.

Sedalia, Mo., Dec. 31.—Using the strap of a suitcase for a noose and suspending it from a cross beam in a smokehouse, Miss Ruby Jones, a school teacher 27 years old, ended her life in the northwestern part of the county.

Hadley Honors Homer B. Mann.

Jefferson City, Mo., Dec. 31.—Governor Hadley added Homer B. Mann of Kansas City to his list of colonels in state representatives. This is probably the last colonel the present governor will appoint.

Frisco Shopmen Back to Work.

Springfield, Mo., Dec. 31.—Three thousand St. Louis & San Francisco shopmen have returned to work in this city after a two weeks' shutdown. The first in 1912.

Fire Follows Explosion.

Sedalia, Mo., Dec. 30.—W. E. Bard's Main street drug store was wrecked by fire which originated from the spontaneous explosion of chemicals given six years ago.

The loss is about \$7,000.

WILSON VISITS PLACE OF BIRTH

Citizens of Staunton, Va., Welcome the President-Elect.

WAS GREETED WITH ENTHUSIASM

Accompanied by His Wife Governor Motored Through Streets Amid Cheering Crowds—Sleeps in Room Where He Was Born.

Staunton, Va., Dec. 28.—Virginia welcomed home last night Governor Woodrow Wilson, the eighth of her native sons to be chosen president of the United States. From the moment the president-elect crossed the state line at Alexandria in the afternoon, after he had a ten-minute glimpse of the national capitol, until 9 o'clock at night, when he reached the little parsonage where he was born just 56 years ago, the reception given him was one of great enthusiasm, noisy demonstration and spectacular display. Escorted by troops of cavalry, militia companies and a torchlight procession in which practically the whole town participated, the governor and Mrs. Wilson motored through the streets of Staunton to the home of the Rev. A. N. Frazer, pastor of the Presbyterian church, where the Rev. Joseph R. Wilson, father of the president-elect, lived in 1856.

With Mrs. Wilson, the president-elect paused for a minute on the illuminated portion of the house and greeted Dr. Frazer. The band struck up "Dixie," the governor turned and waved his hat to the crowd and a spontaneous outburst of welcome echoed.

"It's fine to be back again," exclaimed the president-elect, as he stepped